

National Operations Update

As of 7:45 a.m., 4 Feb 2022

Emergency Preparedness Secretariat

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MAIN POINTS

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- Updated: Summary of Canada Unity Convoy 2022 planned demonstration
- Updated: Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games

CURRENT OPERATIONS/ISSUES:

COVID-19

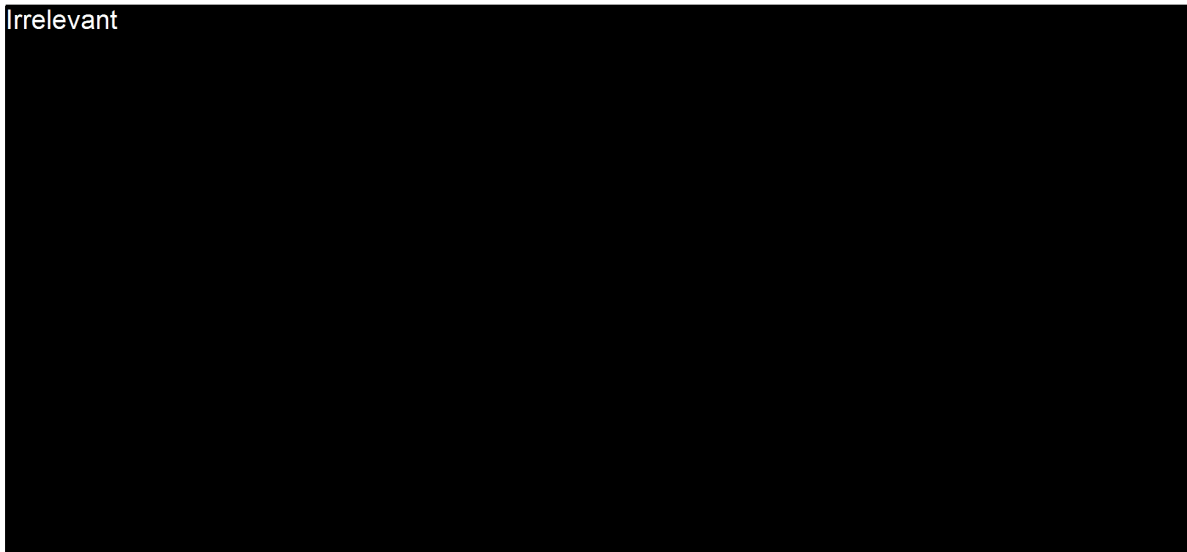
Current RFA Update

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Potential New RFAs being considered

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IQALUIT WATER SAFETY

- News media reporting calls mount for public inquiry into Iqaluit water crisis. The Government of Nunavut has stated its intent on proceeding with an independent third-party review in conjunction with the City of Iqaluit.
- As of 28 Jan, Nunavut's Health Department has lifted a precautionary boil-water advisory for the City of Iqaluit. The advisory was put in place on 19 Jan when the city started using a bypass system to pump water to residents.
- Nunavut MP Lori Idlout (NDP) is calling for \$180M to end the water emergency in Iqaluit, in a letter dated 21 Jan to Infrastructure and Communities Minister Dominic Leblanc. No specifics provided on what the funds would be used for, but Mayor Kenny Bell recently stated that the city needs a new water source and treatment plant.
- Some residents have reported a return fuel smells in water. Although slight levels of hydrocarbons have been detected in the water, these levels are within an acceptable range.

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EMERGING ISSUES

CANADA UNITY CONVOY 2022 –DEMONSTRATION

- The demonstration enters its 7th day; there is no timeline for when it might end. Parked trucks was thinned out again overnight. Demonstrators are vowing to stay or return to protest at a later date. **4 potential demonstrations – a mix of demonstrations and counter demonstrations – are expected on 5 Feb.**
 - Possible convoys coming from Alexandria and Montreal are expected on 5 Feb.
 - **OPP confirms that two convoys coming from the East will convene in Ottawa over the weekend.**
- Ottawa Police Service hotline will be set up to report crimes, including intimidation and harassment by the protesters.
 - Police have made **several protest-related** arrests.
 - No RFA for military aid will not be pursued.
 - **On 3 Feb, the RCMP approved a request from the City of Ottawa for additional resources to help the Ottawa Police Service, including an increase in officers.**
- Other protests are being planned, in solidarity with those in Ottawa:
 - Convoys leaving from several areas in Quebec (Beauce, Rouyn, Gaspésie, Saguenay) plan to arrive in Quebec City (l'Assemblée nationale) on 5 Feb.
 - Police are aware that a protest at Queen's Park, Toronto is planned for 05 Feb. **Airspace restrictions are in effect until 9 Feb.**
 - Mariners for Freedom vessel parade is being planned for across Canada. **There is no intent to block shipping lanes or ports; potential to block provincial ferries (NS/NL) to influence provincial governments.**
 - **MSOC and security partners are aware and continue to monitor.**
- A NOTAM has been issued with an airspace restriction over downtown Ottawa – extended to 7 Feb.
- Three Ports of Entry have seen protest activity: Windsor, ON, Coutts, AB, Emerson, MB. CBSA are not reporting any impacts to operations.
 - The blockage at Coutts, AB POE, situation has evolved, with two lanes open allowing access to and from the US border. **A second blockade approx. 20 km north of Coutts has been organized. Airspace restrictions have been in place over Coutts.**
 - **Additional US-led demonstrations are planned at numerous POEs; however the locations of these have not been confirmed.**
- As of 30 Jan, Freedom Convoy 2022 has raised over \$10.1M in fundraising support. The fundraiser is on pause and under review to ensure compliance with the terms of service, laws and regulations.
- The convoy could pose a threat to the physical security of the Parliamentary Precinct and significant disruptions to parliamentary operations are expected: A number of road and bridge closures remain in place in the NCR.
- Restrictions/lockdowns (not/not shelter in place) have been proactively put in place at some locations in Ottawa - this is good practice in these incidences.

BEIJING 2022 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

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- The Beijing Games will run from 4 February to 20 February 2022. **The Opening Ceremonies is today.**
- An anticipated 614 Team Canada members and 108 other Canadian Games participants will travel to Beijing. As of 3 Feb, 411 had arrived (614 are anticipated).
- There is currently 1 confirmed COVID case on Team Canada.
- **Demonstrations at the Chinese Embassy and Consulates General in various cities are planned for 4 Feb:**
 - **Ottawa (St. Patrick's St): Pro-Olympics demonstration (approx. 25 people); RCMP will be onsite.**
 - **Ottawa (St. Partrick's St): Protest against the Olympics, referred to as the 'Genocide Games' (approx. 100 people); RCMP will be onsite, OPS is aware**
 - **Toronto (Consulate, George St.) Protest against the Olympics; TPS and RCMP will be onsite**
 - **Vancouver (Consulate, Granville St.) Protest against the Olympics; VPD and RCMP will be onsite.**

UKRAINE

- Minister of National Defence met with SecGen NATO on 1 Feb, and was in Latvia on 2 Feb.
- Minister of National Defence arrived in Kyiv on 30 Jan, and met with Ukrainian Defence Minister Olesksii Reznikov on 31 Jan. Ukraine has asked for lethal weapons, Canada has not committed to do so.
- On 30 Jan, Canada is temporarily withdrawing all non-essential staff from its Embassy in Kyiv. This is in addition to the 25 Jan order for all family members of diplomatic staff stationed in Ukraine to leave the country.
- GAC has updated its travel guidance, advising Canadians to avoid non-essential travel due to ongoing Russian threats and military buildup in and around the country.
- On 26 Jan, the Minister of National Defence and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, joined the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister to announce \$340 million for immediate support to Ukraine and for the extension and expansion of Operation UNIFIER, the Canadian Armed Forces' military training and capacity-building mission in Ukraine.

FOR AWARENESS

OP SAFE HAVEN (ASYLUM SEEKERS)

- Increase in migrants are being reported at the Lacolle, QC port of entry, after lifting a 20 month ban. IRCC confirms it has sufficient capacity to maintain operations for the short-term.
- A transfer of asylum claimants to Ontario is being planned, beginning with a pilot project in Ottawa to start in late March.
- No RFA is expected.

SPRING FLOODING IN CANADA

- **A coordination call with Public Safety and Emergency Management federal leadership to discuss the critical path for cyclical season preparations will be held on 10 February. EP will attend.**
- The GOC issued its Initial Planning Guidance on 17 Jan.

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UNCLASSIFIED

- A national Risk Assessment and Plan are expected to be finalized and shared in early March.
- Public Safety's Critical Infrastructure (CI) Directorate is conducting a CI Impact Assessment with CI owners/operators, P/T governments and Federal institutions with CI responsibilities.

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